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SUBJECT: NEW U. K. AMBASSADOR TO SPAIN

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1. ALTHOUGH NOT YET OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED, SIR ANTONY ACLAND, PRESENTLY U. K. AMBASSADOR TO LUXEMBOURG, HAS CONFIRMED TO US PRIVATELY THAT HE WILL SOON BE NAMED U. K. AMBASSADOR TO SPAIN, REPLACING, WE UNDERSTAND, SIR CHARLES WIGGIN, WHO DIED SEVERAL WEEKS AGO. SIR ANTONY IS A 47 YEAR OLD, EXTREMELY ATTRACTIVE CAREER DIPLOMAT WHO IS NOTED FOR HIS INTELLIGENCE, CHARM, DISTINGUISHED APPEARANCE AND QUIET BUT WELL-DEVELOPED SENSE OF HUMOR. HE HAS BEEN AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS IN LUXEMBOURG IN BOTH OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL CIRCLES.

2. EDUCATED AT EATON AND OXFORD, SIR ANTONY ENTERED THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE IN 1953. FOLLOWING ARABIC STUDIES, HE WAS POSTED IN KUWAIT AND ABU DHABI. HE HAS ALSO SERVED AT THE U. K. MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS IN NEW YORK (1962-66) AND IN THE U. K. MISSION IN GENEVA (1966-68). HE RETURNED TO LONDON IN 1968 AND SERVED AS CHIEF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ARAB AFFAIRS AT THE

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FOREIGN MINISTRY. FROM 1972-74 HE WAS PRIVATE SECRETARY TO SIR ALEC DOUGLAS HOME AND FROM 1974-75 PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THEN FOREIGN MINISTER CALLAGHAN. HE TOOK UP HIS POST IN LUXEMBOURG IN JULY, 1975. FOLLOWING QUEEN ELIZABETH'S VISIT TO LUXEMBOURG IN THE FALL OF 1976, HE WAS KNIGHTED AS A COMPANION OF THE ORDER OF ST. MICHAEL AND ST. GEORGE. SIR ANTONY IS MARRIED TO AN EXTREMELY ATTRACTIVE AND INTELLIGENT

WOMAN, LANY ANN, AND HAS THREE CHILDREN, TWO BOYS AT UNIVERSITY
AND A 12 YEAR OLD DAUGHTER WHO IS AT BOARDING SCHOOL IN
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3. ALTHOUGH SIR ANTONY REGARDS HIMSELF AS A DEDICATED
EUROPEAN COMMITTED TO THE U. K.'S EEC VOCATION, HE IS NONETHELESS
EXTREMELY WELL DISPOSED TOWARDS THE UNITED STATES AND IS
PREPARED TO NURTURE A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS AMERICAN
COUNTERPART. IN FACT, HE HAS HINTED THAT AS HE IS NOT AN
EXPERT ON SPAIN AND SCARCELY SPEAKS SPANISH, HE HOPES TO
ESTABLISH A GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE AMERICAN
AMBASSADOR IN MADRID AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HE HAS A SOLID
GRASP OF SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES AND IS ARTICULATE AND FRANK IN
DISCUSSING THEM WITH HIS COLLEAGUES. HOWEVER, HIS YEARS AS
PRIVATE SECRETARY TO HOME AND CALLAGHAN HAVE INSTILLED A
WELL-DEVELOPED SENSE OF DISCRETION. HE IS ABOVE ALL A GRACIOUS
AND CHARMING DIPLOMAT WITH WHOM OFFICIAL AND SOCIAL CONTACTS
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